A Russian Folk Tale
THE TURNIP

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Grandpa planted a turnip.

The turnip grew very, very big.

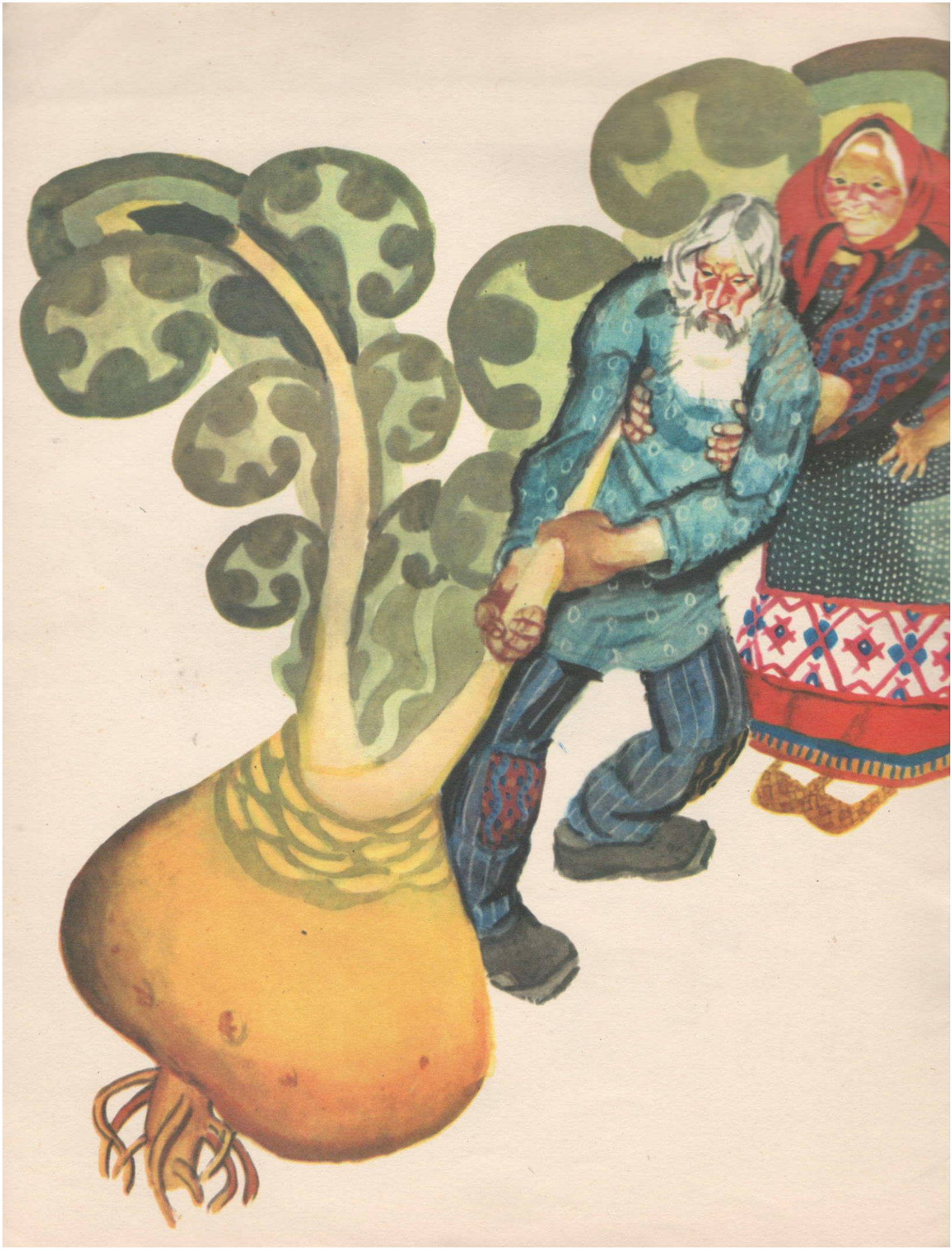
Grandpa went to pull it up. He tugged and he pulled, but he couldn't pull it up.

Grandpa called Grandma. Grandma got hold of Grandpa, Grandpa got hold of the turnip and together they tugged and they pulled, but they couldn't pull it up.

Grandma called their granddaughter. Granddaughter got hold of Grandma, Grandma got hold of Grandpa, Grandpa got hold of the turnip and together they tugged and they pulled, but they couldn't pull it up.

Their granddaughter called Zhouchka the dog. Zhouchka got hold of the granddaughter, the granddaughter got hold of Grandma, Grandma got hold of Grandpa, Grandpa got hold of the turnip and together they tugged and they pulled, but they couldn't pull it up.

Zhouchka called the cat. The cat got hold of Zhouchka, Zhouchka got hold of the granddaughter, the granddaughter got hold of Grandma, Grandma got hold of Grandpa, Grandpa got hold of the turnip and together they tugged and they pulled, but they couldn't pull it up.



The cat called the mouse. The mouse got hold of the cat, the cat got hold of Zhouchka,

Zhouchka got hold of the granddaughter, the granddaughter got hold of Grandma, Grandma got hold of Grandpa, Grandpa got hold of the turnip and together they tugged and they pulled,

AND THEY PULLED IT UP!

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